GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:547
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SCHEMES FOR SSI ENTREPRENEURS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the funds allocated for the upgradation schemes in various sectors for the small scale industries remain unutilised as these schemes are not suitably brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs;

(b): if so, the reasons therefor;

(c): whether any steps have been taken to increase awareness about such schemes among the entrepreneurs;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF

THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 547 FOR ANSWER ON 23.05.2006.

(a): No, Sir. The utilization of funds has been consistently high as is evident from the Table given below:

Year	Budget Estimates (Rs. crore)	Utilisation (Expenditur) (Rs. crore)
2004-05	362.25	347.87 (96.03%)
2005-06 (provisional)	408.91	401.88 (98.28%)

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Steps taken by the Government to enhance awareness of the schemes/programmes for promotion and development of small scale industries (SSIs) among the entrepreneurs include the following:

(i) Periodical advertisements regarding the schemes/programmes in important national dailies.

(ii) Posting details of the schemes/programmes on the website of the Small Industry Development Organisation (SIDO).

(iii) Publication of Laghu Udyog Samachar, a quarterly journal in Hindi and English containing latest information on schemes/programmes, Government orders, circulars, gazette notification, activities of the field organizations of SIDO and articles of interest to the small scale entrepreneurs.

(iv) Circulation of all important circulars, orders, etc., on schemes/programmes among Small Scale Industry Associations.

(v) Holding motivational campaigns and vendor development programmes by the Small Industries Service Institutes (SISIs) and their Branches (Br. SISIs) located in each State/Union Territory (UT) to disseminate information to existing as well as prospective entrepreneurs.

(vi) Periodical letters/circulars on schemes/programmes to States/UT Governments.

(vii) Participation in national and international trade fairs to provide additional avenues for publicity and creation of awareness of

export opportunities among the entrepreneurs.

(viii) Publication of a booklet titled, `A Guide to Self- employment` in 2005 and its wide circulation to Members of Parliament. State/UT Governments, etc.

(ix) Field visits by officers of SIDO during which they meet the local industry associations and apprise them of the schemes and programmes.

(x): Establishment and regular functioning of Information and Facilitation Counters at the headquarters of SIDO and all SISIs, Br. SISIs, Tool Rooms, Process-cum-Product Development Centres and other field Organisations to provide and disseminate information on schemes, programmes, etc., to all existing and prospective entrepreneurs.

(e): Does not arise.